



**HIS CHRISTMAS CARD:** Henry Kuhn 3220 Ravine drive, St. Joseph, stands in front of huge "Christmas card", the type of display he has been making at Gast Manufacturing company plants since 1941. Kuhn, 79,

retired from Gast in 1962. He started in sales with the firm in 1938 and was purchasing agent when he retired. This year's display is "altogether new" and it took him four and one-half months to complete. It is in the em-

ploye's meeting room at the Gast plant in Benton township. The huge mantelpiece and fireplace are the main features of the display, flanked by two pictures that tell a story of three boys who say they are going to

go to work at Gast while the other picture completes the story with the statement "We will reward you with the home of your dreams." (Staff photo by Harry Smith)

## Big Quake Hits Nicaragua

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala (AP) — A strong earthquake struck Managua, Nicaragua, early today, reportedly causing extensive damage in the center of that Central American city. First reports indicated there were many homeless, injured and dead.

All normal communications between Managua and the outside were cut by the quake which struck at 12:40 a.m. — 1:40 a.m. EST — but reports reaching Guatemala City from amateur radio operators in Managua indicated damage was

very heavy and that Managua was without water and electricity.

Planes with relief supplies, medicine and doctors were being prepared in Guatemala, El Salvador and Venezuela, but one radio operator, transmitting from a mobile unit in the center of Managua, said the interruption in electrical service had put navigation equipment at the Managua airport out of operation.

Highways leading to Managua reportedly were closed, and the only means of transportation to the city was by helicopter.

In Washington, the U.S. State Department said its embassy in Managua had been destroyed, one-third of the city was in flames and most of the hospitals had been leveled.

A State Department spokesman in Washington said its information was based on a message from the Nicaraguan government.

One of the ham radio reports reaching Guatemala City said the Nicaraguan Central Bank an 18-story building, also was heavily damaged.

## U.S. Bomb Kills Giap --Saigon

SAIGON (AP) — North Vietnamese officials denied a South Vietnamese report today that Defense Minister Vo Nguyen Giap was killed in Haiphong, where U.S. warplanes continued to mount the biggest aerial blitz of the war.

A statement by Hanoi's delegation to the Paris peace talks said: "Here, we do not deem it necessary to take the trouble to show that this is a product of the psychological war of the Americans-puppets."

A North Vietnamese official said this was a formal denial that Giap had been killed Friday, reportedly by a delayed mine while on an inspection tour of bombing damage at the Tran Hung Dao armaments depot.

South Vietnamese intelligence sources said the report of Giap's death was picked up from a radio broadcast monitored in Saigon, but there was no separate evidence to support it. U.S. officials said they had no knowledge of the report, and no other details were available.

Giap, 60, led the Viet Minh to victory over the French in the first Indochina war and has been the principal architect of the North Vietnamese effort in the current war.

He was quoted earlier as saying of the current U.S. bombing drive: "Hanoi and Haiphong

and other cities may be destroyed, but the Vietnamese people will not be intimidated. Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom. The more barbarous and treacherous the U.S. imperialists, the deeper the Vietnamese peoples' hatred and the higher their determination to resist the aggressors and save the country."

Meanwhile, air losses mounted to record numbers as U.S. planes continued to mount the biggest aerial blitz of the

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VO NGUYEN GIAP  
Killed by bomb?

## Two 'Courteous' Brothers Charged With Kidnaping

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — A young bride of six weeks says that her kidnapers tried to comfort her and told her several times that "everything is going to be all right."

"They were courteous — un-

der the circumstances," said Alice Amanda "Mandy" Dealey, the 22-year-old, blue-eyed, blonde daughter of industrialist Charles M. Mayhew and daughter-in-law of the publisher of the Dallas Morning

News, Joe M. Dealey Sr.

Two brothers from suburban Garland were arrested Friday and charged under Texas kidnaping laws shortly after \$250,000 in ransom had been dropped off at a designated

place.

FBI agents who arrested Woodrow Holmes Ransonnette, 31, and Franklin Joseph Ransonnette, 33, said the two men were busily counting a large amount of money when taken into custody at their apartment.

The Ransonnette brothers were held in the Dallas County jail Friday night in lieu of bonds of \$100,000 each.

The FBI said the ransom money was recovered. "They kept asking me if there was anything I needed," Mrs. Dealey said. "The house, or duplex, they took me to was cold. They brought in an electric heater and an electric blanket for me."

She said that, during the 60-hour ordeal after two men abducted her Tuesday from the parking area of her apartment

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**ACCUSED KIDNAPERS:** Two men accused and identified by the FBI as kidnapers of Mrs. Joe M. Dealey, Jr., of Dallas, Tex., are shown as they were escorted into the Dallas County Courthouse after their arrest in suburban Garland, Tex., Friday. The men, Franklin Joseph Ransonnette, 33, lower photo, and his brother, Woodrow Holmes Ransonnette, 31, are shown in Dallas, Tex., Friday. (AP Wirephoto)

## Truman Lapses Into Critical Condition

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Former president Harry S. Truman lapsed into critical condition at 7:45 a.m. EST today and his family has been notified, a spokesman for Research Hospital and Medical Center announced.

The spokesman, Wayne Conery, attributed the change from the former listing of "very serious" to heart problems.

Doctors said this was similar to the situation Friday morning when he lapsed into critical condition for about an hour and a half.

Earlier today, a hospital spokesman said the 88-year-old former president had lapsed into unconsciousness, but said he did not know whether doctors considered Truman to be in a coma.

### Notice

This newspaper will not publish Monday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day.

Ritter's Restaurant closed Sun. & Mon, Dec. 24 & 25. Adv.



## THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing EditorChristmas Is The Day  
That Calls People Home

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. . . . And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David: To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1-7

By THE REV. DAVID POLING

The thoughts and memories of Christmas may be the most powerful force that we can experience. For Christians, it is a blend of gospel accounts describing the Coming of Christ. And for the individual, it draws together the joys and comfort of childhood, family, and home. And in a hectic, ever-changing culture, this counts for much.

In her classic, "Death Comes for the Archbishop" Willa Cather vividly describes the missionary efforts of Bishop Jean Lamy in the great Southwest a century ago. In this vast, harsh, rugged land of mountain and desert, a dedicated Christian brought new vitality to an ancient region of North America. It was a tough, demanding vocation. Living on the edge of the wilderness in Santa Fe, Miss Cather describes the season which we now celebrate:

"It was late afternoon of Christmas Day, and the Bishop sat at his desk writing letters. Since his return to Santa Fe his official correspondence had been heavy; but the closely written sheets over which he bent with a thoughtful smile were not to go to Monsignori or to Archbishops,

or to the heads of religious houses—but to France, to Auvergne, to his own little town; to a certain grey winding street, paved with cobbles and shaded by tall chestnuts. . . ."

For Bishop Lamy, and for many of us, Christmas calls us home. And if we cannot reach that place where life had its start, that fireside with young parents and favorite first-friends, we make a nostalgic journey that is not without its joys. There are some abroad who are ever putting down our polishing of memories, our treasuring of the past. Words like "sentimental," "memory," and "childhood" seem absent from vocabulary, unless used in a derisive manner. Fortunately for all of us the memories of Christmas past race in with power and persuasion and comfort.

Christmas reminds us that the Christian experience had a beginning at a definite time and place. The source was a family, the condition, childbirth, the surroundings—within a home. Here God chose to reveal Himself in Jesus Christ and to express that revelation in love. So with our own families. Here we first experienced love and caring, respect and forgiveness, hopes and dreams. This season calls us to research these beginnings and renew these visions of what life can be.

When Albert Schweitzer was suffering a severe nervous depression, some say a mental breakdown after World War I, his physician in Switzerland urged him to reach back into childhood, to recall the happy days of his youth, to remember his loving parents and home—for here he would find, again, the strength, and support to overcome his present difficulties.

And he did, eventually publishing, "Memories of Childhood and Youth," bringing happiness to thousands of readers around the world and bringing new life to himself. Christmas has that power. And it brings joy to the whole world.

Merry Christmas!

'Rudolph' Is Ahead  
Of 'White Christmas'

According to ASCAP, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" has sold 91 million records thus far, an average of about five million a year.

The song has also generated the sale of some five and a half million copies of sheet music, and is still good for 90,000 copies annually.

The Connstock Lode of all Christmas songs, however, is Johnny Marks' "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," with 97 million record sales and six million copies of sheet music.

Marks is also the perpetrator of something called "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," which has sold five million discs.

No doubt about it, that's gold in them thar chimneys. But for every "White" or "Rudolph" or "Rockin'," there are a

thousand other Christmas songs that never made it. There are in fact, more than 5,000 songs on file with titles that include the word "Christmas."

For example, there are 14 songs entitled "Christmas Bells." The number named "Christmas Carol" exceeds 20. If you are moved by the tender thought that "Christmas Comes Once a Year," be advised that nine song-writers in the ASCAP catalogue were similarly moved.

You can have "Christmas in California," or in Connecticut, Hawaii, Holland, Italy, Killarney, Mexico, New England, Paris, Rio, Sicily, Switzerland and even "Christmas in Jail." Or "Christmas on the Farm" or on the Lone Prairie or on the Range.

Seven songs offer a "Christmas Lullaby" and there are half a dozen different "Christmas Overtures." Finally, there is even something for the cynics: "Christmas Is for the Birds."

## The Ultimate Diplomat

Switzerland, which is proud of its long tradition of professional neutrality, has become something of a minuscule United Nations for nations which are not speaking

terms with one another. Some Swiss ambassadors are lucky to remember which hat they are wearing at a given time of day.

In Havana, Swiss Ambassador Silvio Masnata represents 10 other governments in dealings with the Cuban government, in addition to his own. All 10 have broken off diplomatic relations with the Castro regime, and use the good offices of Ambassador Masnata to act officially in any matter which pertains to their interests.

The United States is one of the 10. Masnata is the U.S. representative negotiating with Havana over an anti-jacking agreement with Washington.

The Swiss represent 20 governments in 11 countries under "protective power" missions. The assignments are accepted only after the host government gives its approval. The Swiss neutrality is so well maintained, few requests are turned down.

This is a valuable service, one few other governments are prepared by temperament or tradition to handle.

## Silent Night



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

ATTORNEY  
NEEDED

—1 Year Ago—

The Berrien county board of public works (BPW) yesterday voted to ask a Berrien Board of Commissioners' committee to consider obtaining regular legal counsel for BPW in its handling of millions of dollars in public works projects.

Members have long said they need legal counsel who can follow the meeting-to-meeting progress and offer expert

advice on contracts, letters and resolutions for the millions of dollars of county-backed water and sewer project overseen by the BPW.

SEND FUND  
OVER TOP

—10 Years Ago—

The St. Joseph Lions club has a new record to shoot at come the time to hold its next Newsie sale for the Good Fellow Fund.

Yesterday they sold 4,171 souvenir copies of The Herald-

Press for \$2,215.79. This beat the 1958 previous high of \$1,810.86 by almost \$400. The Lions' roaring performance, plus \$1,467.99 received in daily contributions comes to \$4,683.78.

POUND JAPS  
BY AIR

—29 Years Ago—

Allied warplanes are providing the action in the Pacific pending the next major phase of the offensive against the Japanese.

Enemy positions from China to the Solomon came under attack by bombers while American fighter planes shot down 16 Japanese aircraft in defense of the U. S. Sixth army's beachhead at Arawa, New Britain.

## EDITOR'S MAILBAG

DID HE CUT  
HIS PAY, TOO?

Editor,

Indifference to community affairs appears to extend to even the ranks of the taxpayer. No popular outcry or surprise arose from the public statement of a local governmental official indicating that he did not have time to do his elected job. Even when two extra men were added to the payroll to handle property assessment duties that one man was elected to perform, no questions were asked.

The obvious and ominous question is from where are the necessary dollars coming to pay these assessors. The taxpayers in St. Joseph Township are already paying a part time supervisor a salary "in excess of \$9,000." Supposedly, the duties of a supervisor have traditionally included the property assessment function. Will this supervisor then cut his salary since he has cut his job responsibilities? If not, any added payroll expenses must inevitably be assumed by the local taxpayer. Perhaps the additional monies will come from yet another resident tax authorized under recent state legislation.

Concerned taxpayers will investigate the need for these new positions and the source of the funds to pay the salaries. At the least, it seems the taxpayer deserves more accountability from elected officials entrusted to represent a constituency.

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1810 N. Trafalgar Dr.  
St. JosephA THOUGHT FOR  
THE NEW YEAR

Editor,

"A New Year Thought." Dear Lord grant us this year a wider view so we can see other's faults through the eye of you.

Teach us to judge not with hasty tongues, neither the adult or young. Give us patience and grace to endure, and a stronger faith so we can feel secure, instead of remembering. Help us to forget the irritations that cause us to fret. Freely forgiving for some offense offering a friendly helping hand, and trying in all ways to understand that all of us whoever we are, are trying to reach an untouchable star. The great, the small, the good and bad are asking is life worth

living?

The answer is only in loving and giving. For only love brings peace of mind. I rejoice in my life because I love the small pleasures of life. I find something in life every day that pleases me. Each day of my life I ask the Lord to let me grow older, thinking of doing good deeds toward my fellow man, spread a little sunshine, for there's much room to share love, gladness, instead of spreading gloom and hatred. Please let Faith and Love conquer fear. Let everything that have breath thank the Lord for a lovely year.

Evelyn Armstrong  
Benton Harbor.THE SWEETEST  
STORY EVER TOLD

Editor,

The sweetest story ever told was the announcement of the First Christmas. It was the sweetest story ever told because of the eternal principles proclaimed. The "good tidings of great joy" were to be "to all people"; the "Light of the World" was to shine in every heart.

Faith in Christ is more than a mere feeling. It is a power that moves to action, and should be the most basic of all motivating forces.

The destiny of nations is involved in the all important question of "What Think Ye of Christ? . . ." and in whether the world will receive him as the Savior of mankind.

When men reject the fact that

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Bomb Rocks  
Masonic Hall

BELFAST (AP)—Two bombs rocked a Masonic hall in Belfast one minute after midnight, the time set for the beginning of the Irish Republican Army's 72-hour cease-fire, but no casualties were reported.

Later, a gunman fired at a British soldier in a Roman Catholic area of the city but missed. "The man was on patrol," an army spokesman said. "He was not carrying out a search or anything like that."

## Request Denied

DETROIT (AP)—Reputed Detroit Mafia chieftain Vito (Billy Jack) Giacolone has been denied his request for a Christmas furlough from a Michigan prison farm by a federal judge Friday.

## Ray Cromley

Soviet Ties Begin  
Pinching India

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Sources in New Delhi suggest Prime Minister Gandhi is beginning to find India's association with Russia may be somewhat like riding on the back of a tiger. This discovery, they believe, is what is propelling Mrs. Gandhi toward rapprochement with the United States.

The India-Russia friendship pact and Soviet backing for India in the war with Pakistan over Bangladesh were interpreted as a major victory for New Delhi, and insure that India would be by far the most powerful nation on the sub-continent, lower American influence in Southern Asia, make it possible for India to stand up to China.

Soviet aid, moreover, was to make India independent of the West and the United States in particular.

Today Mrs. Gandhi is apparently discovering the Soviet Union wants a payoff.

One Soviet move and another leads to the conclusion Moscow now wants a strong say in how India develops economically. The Soviet leaders seemingly are attempting to get New Delhi to arrange things so that what India produces and what it consumes will mesh closely with Soviet production and Soviet needs. The Indians reportedly have already agreed to take Soviet economic needs into account when making national plans and the Russians have promised to do the same. Some Indians in-

fluential in the Gandhi ruling group believe that the way things are going, this could, in effect, make India an economic satellite of Moscow on the Eastern European model.

"The Russians also are reportedly impatient with the speed at which India is moving toward socialism. By this means and that, the Russians, it appears, are pushing for rapid and complete nationalization of India's sugar, textile and drugs and pharmaceutical industries, not the partial, piecemeal nationalization now apparently under way in some of these fields.

What bothers the Indians particularly is that, when they resist Soviet pressures and seek to move on their own independent path, Moscow (if the Indians are accurate in their intelligence) stirs up the local Indian Communist groups, which then organize student unrest and anti-government agitation.

Some Indians have also pointed out to the Prime Minister that economic and technical aid from the Soviet Union is not all that it seems. At a time when Soviet technical experts are advising Indian farmers, Moscow is sending her own agricultural experts to the United States to learn from American farmers. Russia is buying wheat from the United States to meet Moscow's deficiencies at the same time the U.S.S.R. is sending wheat to India.

## Marianne Madsen

Mondale Has Yet  
To Make Mark

WASHINGTON — Why Walter Mondale?

Since Election Day, Sen. Mondale's name has appeared in nearly every private and public list speculating on 1976 Democratic Presidential possibilities. Sen. Hubert Humphrey, his Minnesota colleague, has enthusiastically described him as "the next Democratic Presidential nominee." Newspapers mention him as a Democratic bolshot; party professionals toss his name around as a possible alternative should Sen. Edward Kennedy not be available.

Yet outside the small circle of those who are deeply interested in public affairs, hardly anybody knows whether Mondale is a butcher, a baker or a candlestick maker. A major newspaper bureau here has only three clippings about him in its library. He was elected this fall to only his second full term and by any reasonable criteria has yet to make his mark as a legislative leader.

Name identification is the biggest problem of all aspiring politicians not blessed with a famous inherited family name or the exposure of a past national campaign. So why is Mondale, a virtual unknown, getting so much favorable attention from the professionals?

First of all, his new stature reflects the mysterious process of reputation. A few opinion-makers were impressed with his ability, surfaced his name as a young comer, and others picked it up.

Second, his competition is weak. With the exception of Kennedy, the party's best talent resides either in officials who are well known but have already been around the track too many times, or in fresh faces even more obscure than Mondale's.

Third, he meets the surface criteria for a solid Democratic candidate. As a Middle Westerner, he is acceptable in all regions. He is liberal but not radical. He is okay with labor. He is youthful and articulate. And he is the latest in a long tradition of Minnesota superstars that has included Humphrey, Sen. Eugene McCarthy, and former Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman.

Sen. Birch Bayh, who has Presidential aspirations, once asked Sen. Frank Church, who is more coy about it but harbors similar hopes, how he could become better known. "Political accident," Church sighed.

Mondale apparently wants to help the accident along. He has met with a series of advisers, both singly and in groups, to discuss ways in which he can beef up his national image. Minnesota businessman Paul Thatcher is organizing a committee to help underwrite an expanded travel schedule for Mondale. Former Undersecretary of State George Ball, now a lawyer specializing in international banking affairs, heads an informal group that will advise Mondale on foreign policy questions.

Mondale is also shaking up his office staff, adding two new legislative aides and bringing in Richard Moe, Minnesota Democrat-Farmer-Labor Party chairman, as his new administrative aide.

## BERRY'S WORLD



"Thanks everybody! It's just what I needed—A BIG SMILE! MERRY CHRISTMAS."

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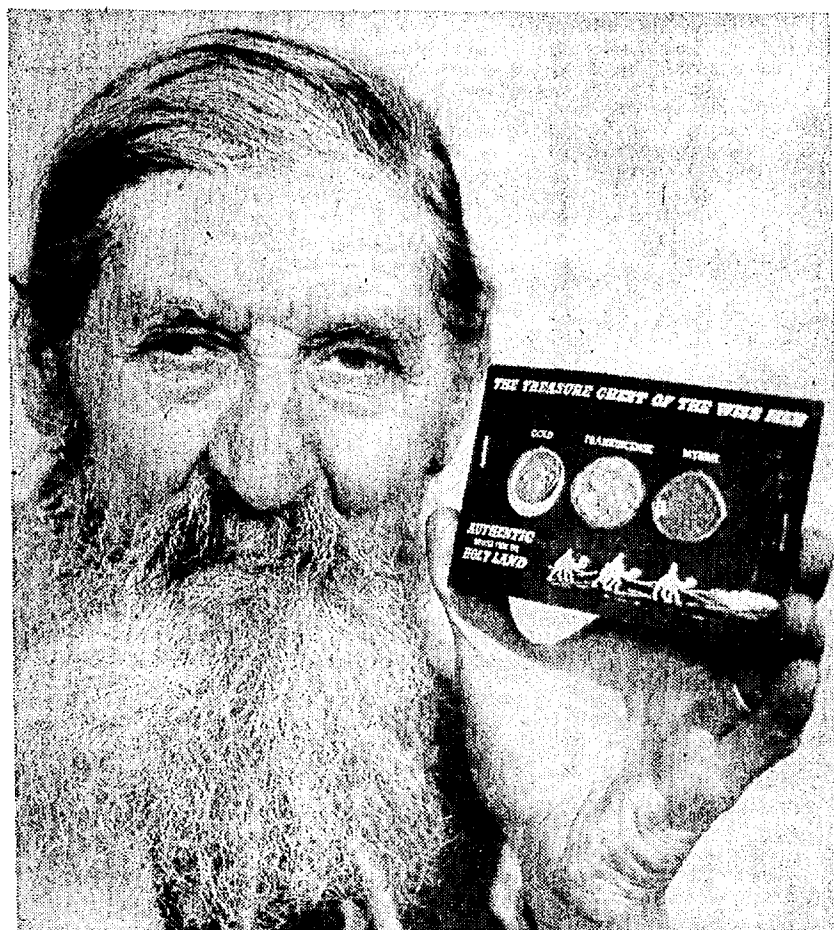
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## Judge Orders BH To Pay Off Pension Deficit

*Payment Of \$3.4 Million Bill  
Spread Over 40 Years*

BY BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

A Berrien circuit judge Friday declared a \$3.4 million deficit in the Benton Harbor police-fire pension fund and told the city how to pay it off.

Judge Chester J. Byrns ordered the city to annually pay the fund what pensioners are to receive that year plus \$33,191 annually over 40 years plus any additional sums not necessary to the city's essential well-being.

The city has been paying what pensioners are to receive annually and kicking in other nonessential sums, according to City Atty. Samuel Henderson. Now it must add in the \$33,191.

The \$3.4 million deficit means that the pension plan is under-funded by that amount because the city has not contributed enough to meet future obligations.

The court-ordered payment plan starts July 1, 1973, the start of the 1973-74 fiscal year.

Judge Byrns' hour and 15-minute ruling from the bench Friday ended a four-year-old dispute between police and firemen versus the city and pension board. Officers, in a class-action suit, claimed the city and pension board erroneously applied city charter provisions on pensions and underpaid pensioners; and that the pension fund was left with a deficit in violation of the state constitution.

Plaintiffs won Count I, which created \$656,000 of the \$3.4 million deficit. Judge Byrns' ruling of \$33,191 annual payments will wipe out the \$656,000 over a 40-year period.

The balance of his ruling is expected to continue annual payments to pensioners and ultimately—no one Friday was prepared to say in what future year—wipe out the deficit.

The \$3.4 million, in effect, is a promissory note plus 4 per cent interest from the city to the pension fund and officer retirees, according to City Atty. Samuel Henderson and the officers' counsel, St. Joseph

Atty. Thomas Fette.

Pension plans normally are set up on an accrual method, but Benton Harbor is paying its police-fire pension off on a cash flow method, Henderson added.

The judge and attorneys for both sides indicated they were pleased with the conduct of the case and Friday ruling.

Judge Byrns indicated he could have ordered the city to make a \$3.4 million lump-sum payment to the fund but acknowledged that as a financial impossibility. He also indicated he could have ordered the city to pay off the \$3.4 million over 40 years, but this, too, would have been "inequitable and unjust."

The court-ordered payment plan is the only "viable alternative," Judge Byrns could

find and will retire the deficit "so long as the city remains an entity."

His order shows faith in the city and faith in its ability to "lick its problems," Judge Byrns added.

The city currently is paying the fund \$136,900 a year, \$68,000 of it from a one-mill tax and the balance from general funds. To order grossly higher city payments would result in an "unthinkable" cutting of police and/or firemen from employe rolls, Judge Byrns said.

He also ordered the fund to pay plaintiffs' counsel, the St. Joseph law firm of Ryan, McQuillan, Vanderploeg and Fette, \$7,500 for four years of legal work minus \$1,344.07 already chipped in by police and firemen.



**DOUBLE BLOOM:** Mrs. DeVon F. Selter, 417 Elm street, Watervliet, examines double bloom on a "bird of paradise" plant she grows on her back porch. Florists asked about the plant indicated the double bloom is an unusual phenomena. (Cliff Stevens photo)

## N-P Good Fellow Fund Closes With \$8,037.79

Santa Claus closed the books today on another News-Palladium Good Fellow campaign. And what a success it's been.

A total of \$8,037.79 received in contributions, and some 1,000 persons aided. The recipients ranged from nonagenarians to tots for whom there would be no Santa Claus if it weren't for the Good Fellow fund.

Contributions to the fund were more than \$500 above the goal. Eighty-nine dollars came in today.

Butler Estate Investments send \$50. The firm's founder the late Atty. Clarence Butler

was an original Good Fellow Newsie way back in 1930.

Last week's Exchange club Newsie sale rang up an additional \$13 making its total \$3,810.77. Mr. and Mrs. William Gatchell gave \$10, and another \$10 came from United Steel Workers of America Local 6264 in memory of William L. Flaherty. Cuba Lee Cortson sent \$5 in memory of husband Louie Cortson and daughter Roxanne Cortson. And "Unanamus" send \$1.

"May your Christmas be joyous and blessed because of what you have done," Santa wished Good Fellows.

## H-P Good Fellow Fund Reaches Nearly \$5,000

...and as Tiny Tim would say, "God Bless everyone."

The 1972 Herald-Press Good Fellow fund reached \$4,968.31 which is probably the third highest total in the 40-year Good Fellow history.

Good Fellow bookkeepers are too busy checking over last minute requests for help to spend researching past drive totals but it looks like this year's total will rank high in total giving.

The school kids had the final say today. First came \$10 from a young lady, Karen, and the only clue is that she's pretty as a picture.

Then came \$5 from Baroda elementary school.

Finally Corky Cook added \$5 in memory of Great Grandpaw, Walt Sauerbier.

And that's why Tiny Tim could say: "God Bless Everyone."



HAROLD J. NEUMAN



WILLIAM L. NITZ

## Bendix Moves Two Executives To New Posts

Harold J. Neuman has been appointed manager for manufacturing and tool engineering at Bendix Corporation's Hydraulics Division south of St. Joseph, according to Frank E. Bremer, director of manufacturing.

Neuman replaces William L. Nitz who has joined the Buhr Machine Tool Corporation, a wholly-owned Bendix subsidiary in Ann Arbor.

Nitz is a former president of the Lakeshore board of education. He had been at the Hydraulics division since 1952 when it began operations here. Nitz, his wife, Marguerite, and daughter have moved to the Ann Arbor area.

Neuman joined the Hydraulics division in 1953 and

has served in various management positions including project coordinator for disc brakes and special administrator. He was on special assignment in Germany for Bendix International for two months in 1970.

Neuman, his wife, Clara, and daughter reside at 2242 Lynn drive, St. Joseph.

### Thieves Took Kitchen Sink

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — Thieves who entered a home under renovation in uptown Atlanta took just two things: a roll of bathroom carpeting and the kitchen sink.

## Appliance Makers Honor Elisha Gray

Elisha Gray II, retired Whirlpool board chairman, has been named an honorary member of the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM), the national trade organization of the appliance industry.

Honorary memberships are awarded to persons whose retirement from the appliance industry follows long and significant contributions to it.

Gray received an honorary membership concurrently with Roland E. Hauber, retired head of products research department, packaged soap and detergent division, Procter & Gamble Co.

The memberships were conferred in Boston at the AHAM's National Home Appliance conference. Making the presentations was Juel M. Rantum, Whirlpool's vice president for corporate and public affairs who was conference chairman.

Gray retired from Whirlpool Sept. 30, 1971, after 33 years with the company.



CALVIN C. WHEELER  
Earns Doctorate

## Calvin Wheeler Earns Doctorate In Education

Calvin C. Wheeler has received a doctor of philosophy degree in urban education from Michigan State University's School of Secondary Education.

Dr. Wheeler is among candidates under consideration for the post of Benton Harbor city manager to succeed Don Stewart who has announced intentions of resigning.

Dr. Wheeler was assistant

director of community education for Benton Harbor Area schools, 1965-70. He is a former member of the Berrien county social services board. Dr. Wheeler was one of the originators and first chairman of the Berrien county CanAmer games.

A four-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Wheeler was graduated from Hillsdale college and received a master's degree in education administration from Western Michigan university in 1971.

Dr. Wheeler, 35, stated he would like to return to the Twin Cities area to live.

### Hanoi Delegates Boycott Meeting

PARIS (AP) — The North Vietnamese delegates to the technicians' meetings with the United States walked out of a scheduled session today after reading a protest against the bombing of North Vietnam.

They said the talks had been postponed "till another day," according to a North Vietnamese statement.

### SJ Firemen Extinguish Car Blaze

St. Joseph firemen Friday extinguished a fire in the front of seat of a car owned by Jim French, Mishawaka, Ind. Firemen said the blaze occurred at Niles and Hutchinson avenues as French was leaving the city. The front seat was destroyed in the fire, believed caused by a discarded cigarette.

Firemen Friday also were called to the Paul Metzger residence, 1808 Lakeview avenue, when vapor from a clothes dryer gave the appearance of smoke. Firemen praised the concern of an unidentified neighbor who reported "smoke," saying they would rather be called in such circumstances than too late for a real fire.



**CONTEST WINNERS:** First place winners in safety poster contests at five Du-Well Metal Products facilities have been announced. Pictured with David Walton, Du-Well president, are winners, left to right, Kathy Cooper, 8, South Haven plant; Diana Shembarger, 6, Bangor administrative center; and Daniel Taylor, 9, Bangor plant. Not pictured are winners Vickie Anderson, 8, Dowagiac plant, and Robert Weaver, 12, Hartford plant. The contest was open to 5 to 15-year-old children of Du-Well employees. (Marguerite Smith photo)

## Twin City YMCA Announces Free Holiday 'Learn To Swim' Program

A free "Learn to Swim" program will be held at the Twin City YMCA during Christmas vacation. Fifth and sixth graders, who are non-swimmers, are eligible. A parent or guardian must sign an application at the YMCA, 233 Michigan street, Benton Harbor.

Physical Director Sam Anderson said classes will be at

2 and 2:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Dec. 26-29. Classes will be limited to 25 and more classes will be added if necessary.

Children should bring swim suits and towels. Caps are mandatory for girls and long-haired boys. Registration deadline is Tuesday noon.

## DePriest Promoted By F&M

Promotion of Allen DePriest to assistant cashier was announced today by Richard E. Willard, president of Farmers and Merchants National bank, Benton Harbor.

DePriest, 31, has been with F&M 14 years, advancing through various departments of the bank. He currently is manager of the Red Arrow branch, east of Benton Harbor.

DePriest is a graduate of Benton Harbor high school and has completed a number of American Institute of Banking classes. He and his wife, Pat,



ALLEN DEPRIEST  
Promoted By F&M

and their three children live at Route 2, Coloma.



## Yule Display Attracts Lot Of Attention

*His Home Decorations  
Are Tradition Now  
In Buchanan*

BY LYLE SUMERIN  
South Berrien Bureau

BUCHANAN — What started out 25 years ago as a simple display of outdoor Christmas decorations has now become a Christmas present to the community.

As result, the Harold Holmes residence, corner Third and Chippewa streets, is one of the most popular spots in town this time of year.

An almost constant stream of cars converge on the intersection in early evening hours, so their local and out-of-town occupants may marvel at the Christmas display.

The Holmes' display includes something for everyone. For the kiddies, there is Santa, his reindeer and sleigh full of gaily wrapped packages.

For those of all ages, there is the traditional scene, with the Christ child lying Nativity in a manger.

For everyone, there are the brightly decorated Christmas trees, the star shining brightly from atop the television antenna tower, and the giant candles on the front steps.

### STARTED IN THE 1940'S

It all started in the late 1940's, when Holmes first decorated the tallest of two evergreen trees seen today in his side yard. In 1948, he purchased a live blue spruce for his daughter's first Christmas. That became the second object decorated.

In 1953, Holmes cut out and painted the Santa and reindeer figures. This was followed by the manger scene, for which he got siding from a 100-year-old barn to give the framing an authentic look.

Figures for the Nativity scene consist of prints which he purchased and then cemented to treated plywood.

Although the job of putting up the decorations is harder each year, it is a labor of love for Holmes. He takes a week's vacation from his job as general foreman at Clark Equipment company, Buchanan, to put the decorations in place.

"As long as I know people enjoy them, I'll keep putting them up," he explained.

### DAUGHTER IS ASSISTANT

His daughter, Pat (Mrs. Terry Lolmaugh), has been a faithful assistant over the years. She helps him add a fresh coat of varnish or clear plastic to the figures each year. Every three years they sand the Santa and reindeer and repaint them.

Decorating the trees is the biggest job. Using wooden poles up to 22 feet in length, they string the trees so winter winds will not knock the lights off.

They also use two long extension ladders and four step ladders in their work. This year, Holmes added a custom made 20 foot aluminum step ladder.

Holmes said decorating the trees requires about two more strings of lights each year, as they grow larger.

The showplace of Christmas decorations normally is finished in early December. This year, adverse weather delayed the project, which was completed last week.

Holmes said the smallest of the two trees, which stands about 30 feet, took about 350 bulbs this year. He estimated he used about 900 bulbs in the entire display.

Because he loves to see outdoor decorations and his own yard is full, Holmes has started making figures for his son-in-law and daughter.

While the community is enjoying his "present", Holmes is busily planning how he can improve it next year.



ABLAZE WITH LIGHTS: This three-dimensional Christmas display at the Harold Holmes residence in Buchanan is his Christmas present to the community.

The display includes the Nativity scene, Santa and his reindeer, star of Bethlehem, and two giant decorated trees. Strings of lights were still being added to the tree

at left when this picture was snapped last week. (Staff photos)



HELPING GRANDPA: Little Eric Lolmaugh, 3, holds the reins on Santa's reindeer as his grandfather, Harold Holmes, secures them in place. Santa and his

reindeer are part of a Christmas display Holmes puts up each year.



A BIG JOB: Stringing lights on two large trees, standing 30 and 40 feet, is a major task each Christmas season for Harold Holmes and his daughter, Pat. This tree took about 350 bulbs this year. Waiting to help grandpa is Eric, age 3.



NATIVITY FIGURES: Harold Holmes and his daughter, Pat, place wisemen in the Nativity scene he erects each year in his yard. The printed figures were cemented to plywood and then cut out by Holmes. They are held in place by steel rods driven into ground.

## Watervliet Girl Helped In Rescue

WATERVLIET — An 18-year-old student nurse has been identified as one of the key rescue workers in the removal of six persons from the rubble of the smashed Elite bar in Watervliet Tuesday.

The rescuer was Mrs. Mark (Colleen) Cupani, 18, of 812 Peach street, Watervliet, according to Bart Rose, Watervliet police chief.

Mrs. Cupani, a first year nursing student at Lake Michigan college, is the daughter of Lt. and Mrs. Edward Dill of the Coloma city police. Her husband is an employee of Modern Plastics, Coloma.

"She did a whale of a job," Rose stated.

According to Mrs. Cupani, she was working across the street in Marion's Five & Dime store when the roof of the American Legion building collapsed, cascading bricks and other debris through the roof and ceiling of the neighboring Elite bar at 365 North Main street.

Before police and other rescue workers arrived, Mrs. Cupani said she and a man who had a first aid kit entered the wreckage.

According to Mrs. Cupani, they helped three of the six persons out.

Mrs. Cupani said she wanted to get the people out in case more of the two damaged buildings caved-in. She said she had told the man as they went

toward the rubble that she was a student nurse.

The man has not been identified, Rose said.

Firemen from both Watervliet and Coloma who arrived at the scene to help had a "lot of praise for Mrs. Cupani," Rose said. "She went in and stayed."

Three of the six persons injured in the collapse remain hospitalized. Two are listed in satisfactory condition and one in fair condition.

Authorities have said the collapse apparently was caused by the weight of ice and snow on the roof of the Legion building.



MRS. MARK CUPANI  
Helped in rescue

## Crashes Kill 7

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police say two persons killed in a single accident early Saturday were among seven Michigan highway deaths marking the beginning of the four-day holiday count which began 6 p.m. Friday and runs to mid-

night Monday, Dec. 25.

Sheriff deputies said Michael Givens, 24, of Royal Oak and Dennis Melone, also 24, of Sterling Heights, were killed on U.S. 31 near Frank Road in Grand Traverse County when their car was involved in a head-on collision.

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